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Dear Mr. Allen:

Enclosed is the corrected manuscript of the National Long-Term Primate Radiation Program which has been so thoroughly discussed by our committee and which was unanimously passed upon at our last meeting.

A point which has concerned me and everyone on the committee is: As I understand it - action on this program cannot be taken for another two years. This is a serious handicap because these are long-term radiation studies which are necessary for the practical application of atomic energy. We spend millions of dollars each year on radiation protection and with the almost catastrophic expansion of the atomic program into all realms of society, then it becomes necessary to think of this chronic program as getting under way immediately - not two years from now. As a matter of fact, one is amazed that it wasn't started five years ago.

Another point to consider (not nearly as significant as the previous one) is: The breakdown of personnel as proposed here is not a rigid one. I am not in total agreement with it myself because much depends on the urgency of the work, on the interests of the Director, on the interests of the participating men, etc. Not only that but personnel needs will change as the program matures, etc. It will also vary depending upon the location of the project, and with twelve different groups expressing an interest in it we can do well in the selection of investigators.

Trusting that I may be of future service to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

/s/

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